

SAMUEL SEYLE BUILDING  
(J.C.Penny Building)  
(Shroeder/Sussdorf Building)  
209 Meeting Street  
Charleston  
Charleston County  
South Carolina

HABS No. SC-575

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PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

Historic American Buildings Survey  
National Park Service  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C. 20240

STATE South Carolina	COUNTY Charleston	TOWN OR VICINITY Charleston
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Samuel Seyle Building		HABS NO. SC-575
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE - Herman Shroeder/John Gustav Sussdorf Building 1850- George S. Cameron Building, 1859- Samuel R. Marshall, 1893- Alvin R. Thomlinson 1903 - Edward L. Trenholm, 1875 - The Charleston Crockery, 1890s (con't. on page 2)		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Originally known as 141 Meeting Street, now 209 Meeting Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) Building rebuilt after fire of 1910 using 1840 Walls	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) (Not Available)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Structure is one of a row of 19th Century commercial buildings and have housed a variety of tenants. (See Above)		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Early Victorian.		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) - Brick load bearing side walls, timber floors and rear framing, brick rear wall (West), Facade (East) is stucco on brick.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) See attached photocopies of drawings.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE - Cast iron columns, pilasters and frieze with glass in wood frame infills on first floor, stone pilasters on second and third floor, stone frieze, window hoods and cornice.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) First and second floors were completely remodeled as a restaurant disco in 1979 (see attached photocopies of drawings).		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES 1850- Addition of cast iron front 1978- Interior renovation, addition of plexiglass roof over disco in rear courtyard.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Building unoccupied, was restaurant/disco from 1978-1980.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE - Documentation for this structure was prepared by the Office of Downtown Revitalization, City of Charleston in compliance with the Executive Order 11593 and a Memorandum of Agreement with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, HUD, EDA & Holywell Corporation (Developer)		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) - Property is in the Old & Historic District, both a local zoning district and a historic district on the National Register, extended in 1975. Information: Derived from News & Courier article and the City of Charleston Archives.		
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SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE:

The Southern Drug Syndicate, 1920; F. deL. Kirk, Inc., 1930; J.C. Penny,  
1940-1970.